



City of Monroe, Washington
Parks & Recreation Department

July, 2020

Mission

Protect and enhance the natural beauty of Monroe through the development of a vibrant system of parks, open space and trails. Provide citizens of all age's positive recreational opportunities in clean, safe and accessible recreation facilities. Enhance health, quality living and the natural environment for future generations.

Department Update

Snohomish County Remains in Phase 2

On June 28, 2020 Governor Jay Inslee extended the pause indefinitely on counties moving ahead in the Safe Start Washington plan resulting in Snohomish County staying in Phase 2. Phase 2 allows for park facilities to be open. These include: Wiggly Field Dog Park, Board and Blade Skate Park, tennis courts, basketball courts, restrooms, playgrounds, covered shelters (up to gathering limit), and sports fields for limited practices in compliance with the Governor's guidelines for sporting activities.

Operations

Parks and Recreation Department team members have been busy in July with daily recreation use of our park's facilities and athletic fields, as well as scheduled maintenance, cleaning and repair work on facilities, equipment and landscaped areas. Replacing fixtures and furnishings are routine and on-going Parks tasks. Last month, the Parks Department team replaced one along a trail in the Lords Lake area. It was installed in approximately 1997.



Left: Original picnic table from approximately 1997. Right: Newly installed picnic table.

An additional project the Parks Department team has been working on is repairing a sinkhole that developed and continued to settle at the Sky River Park playground. This was a result of the flooding earlier this year. It caused the PIP "poured in place" to sag. To repair, the PIP was cut out and the holes filled with gravel and compacted.



Repairing a sinkhole at Sky River Park playground. Middle Photo: Parks Department team member Tyler Reeves.

Mowing tasks in July included the Public Works team helping to mow around the Lake Tye path.

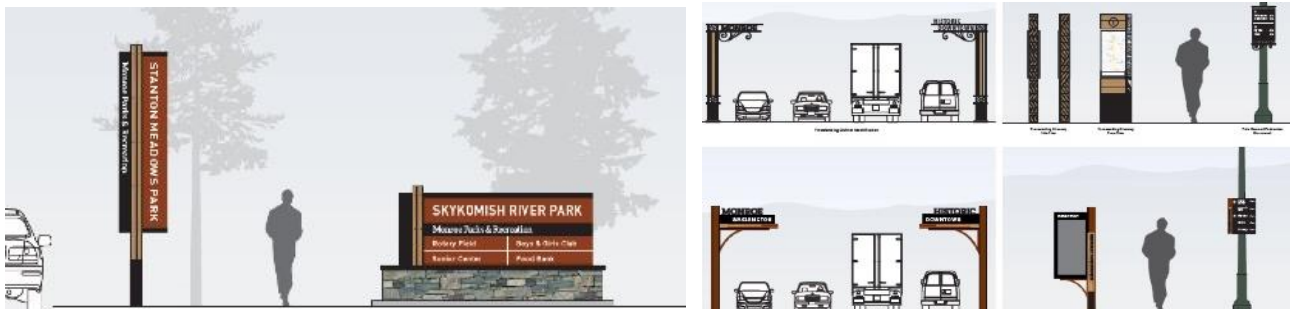


Public Works team members helped mow around the path at Lake Tye.

Monroe Park Board

During the July Park Board Meeting, Park Board members received City Administrator Deborah Knight's overview of the City's gateway, wayfinding, and park conceptual sign designs including the City's Economic Development Advisory boards goals and purpose for this project. They reviewed gateway, wayfinding, Historic District and park entrance design concepts including materials, maintenance, wording, lettering size, colors, and lighting.

Director Farrell updated the park board members about the City's public works completion of Frylands sidewalk, trail connection; park maintenance, and staff participation with State park and recreation directors COVID-19 coordinating meetings.



Conceptual design ideas for City's gateway, wayfinding, and park conceptual sign designs

Citizen Feedback

The Department received the following two communications this past month regarding park staff noteworthy service from community residents:

07/09/2020

Subtopic: Monroe Listens

Hello, thanks for keeping the streets clean, the grass mowed and the flower beds full. I miss all the Parks and Rec activities. This too shall pass... thanks.

Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 11:35 AM

Subject: Recognition of Noteworthy Service

I've passed the Currie View Park on my daily walk for the past several years. I noted a difference in the way it looked last Friday (17 July). It was the recently mowed in an unusually clean, even looking way & the trim around the trees along the walkways were consistent. It was the best I've ever seen before. So, I thought a note of gratitude should be sent your way....and to the staff person (Parks seasonal employee Alyssa Tidwell) who did the job. May the rest of your year go well.

Movies Under the Moon Cancellation

On July 24, 2020 the Parks Department made the announcement canceling the Movies Under the Moon series due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Snohomish County would need to be in Phase 4 of Governor Inslee's Safe Start Washington reopening plan in order to host the series.

City Parks Unmarked Trails Inspections

In 2017, a weekly maintenance monitoring emphasis by park staff was initiated on unmarked trails at Al Borlin and Sky River Parks to identify and resolve, in cooperation with our Police Department, any unlawful encampments that may occur in City parks. Attached is the comprehensive data from 2017 to the present. The following is a summary of data for the past month:

Locations: Al Borlin Park

DATE	TOTAL LABOR HOURS	# BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED	NOTES
7/7	7.5	0	1 camp found at Al Borlin Park. Police contacted.
7/14	10.5	12	
7/21	8	0	
7/28	8	5	
Avg.	8.5	4.25	
			See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2017- 2020

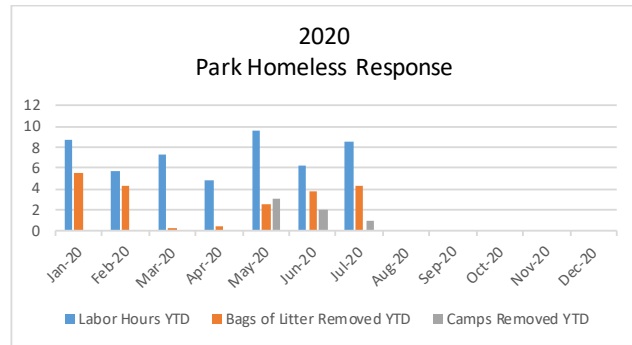
Volunteer Opportunities

Due to COVID-19 the City of Monroe's volunteering has been temporarily suspended. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Katie Darrow at (360) 863-4519.

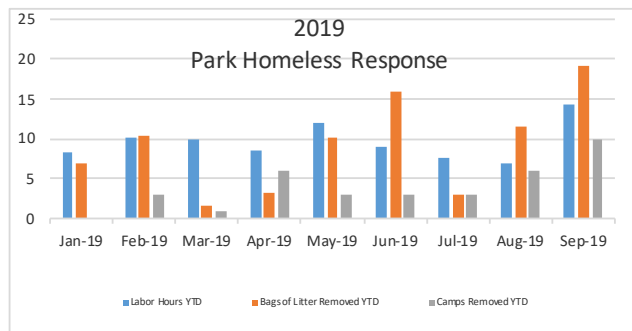
Visit the City website www.monroewa.gov for information on upcoming programs and events.

2017-2020
Park Homelessness Response

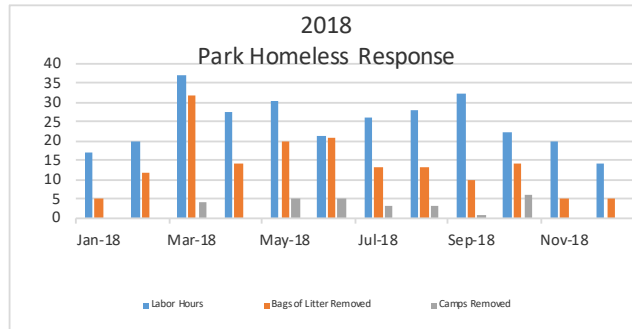
	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-20	8.75	5.5	0
Feb-20	5.67	4.33	0
Mar-20	7.25	0.25	0
Apr-20	4.9	0.4	0
May-20	9.625	2.5	3
Jun-20	6.25	3.75	2
Jul-20	8.5	4.25	1
Aug-20			
Sep-20			
Oct-20			
Nov-20			
Dec-20			
Total 2020	50.945	20.98	6



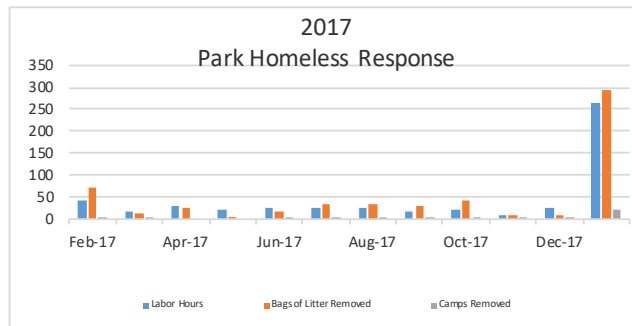
	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-19	8.3	7	
Feb-19	10.2	10.3	3
Mar-19	10	1.5	1
Apr-19	8.5	3.25	6
May-19	11.9	10.25	3
Jun-19	9	16	3
Jul-19	7.5	3	3
Aug-19	6.9	11.5	6
Sep-19	14.25	19.25	10
Oct-19	7.3	19.4	6
Nov-19	7.5	0.875	4
Dec-19	7.3	1.2	3
Total 2019	108.65	103.525	48



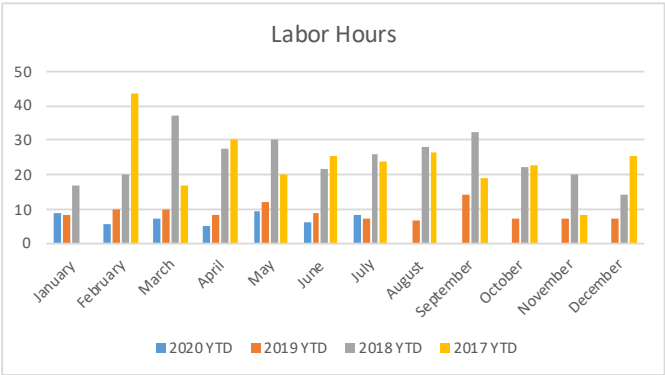
	Labor Hours	Bags of Litter Removed	Camps Removed
Jan-18	17	5	0
Feb-18	20	12	0
Mar-18	37	32	4
Apr-18	27.5	14	0
May-18	30.5	20	5
Jun-18	21.5	21	5
Jul-18	26	13	3
Aug-18	28	13	3
Sep-18	32.5	10	1
Oct-18	22.5	14	6
Nov-18	20	5	0
Dec-18	14	5	0
Total 2018	296.5	164	27



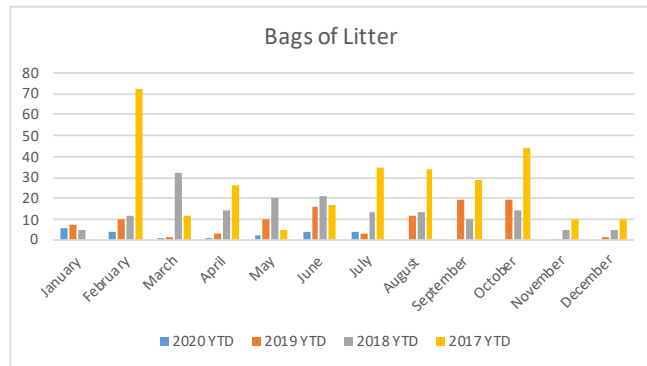
	Labor Hours	Bags of Litter Removed	Camps Removed
Feb-17	43.5	72.5	4
Mar-17	17	12	3
Apr-17	30	26	0
May-17	20	5	0
Jun-17	25.5	17	2
Jul-17	24	35	3
Aug-17	26.5	34	3
Sep-17	19	29	2
Oct-17	23	44	1
Nov-17	8.5	10	3
Dec-17	25.5	10	1
Total 2017	262.5	294.5	22



Labor Hours	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
January	8.75	8.3	17	0
February	5.67	10.2	20	43.5
March	7.25	10	37	17
April	4.9	8.5	27.5	30
May	9.625	11.9	30.5	20
June	6.25	9	21.5	25.5
July	8.5	7.5	26	24
August		6.9	28	26.5
September	14.25		32.5	19
October		7.3	22.5	23
November		7.5	20	8.5
December		7.3	14	25.5



Bags of Litter Removed	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
January	5.5	7	5	0
February	4.33	10.3	12	72.5
March	0.25	1.5	32	12
April	0.4	3.25	14	26
May	2.5	10.25	20	5
June	3.75	16	21	17
July	4.25	3	13	35
August		11.5	13	34
September		19.25	10	29
October		19.4	14	44
November		0.875	5	10
December		1.2	5	10



Camps Removed	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
January	0	0	0	0
February	0	3	0	4
March	0	1	4	3
April	0	6	0	0
May	3	3	5	0
June	2	3	5	2
July	1	3	3	3
August		6	3	3
September		10	1	2
October		6	6	1
November		4	0	3
December		3	0	1

